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were passed over by the heads of departments such as the Police, in preference to sometimes less qualified men of the other communities. He requested that the Government should issue stringent instructions and see that the Ealavas were more freely entertained in the service.

Mr. K. C. Kunju Raman (Member, Nominated) stated that he had not much more to add to what the other Members had said on the subject. He said that the Police Department could more largely employ the Ealavas.

Dewan.—In the Police Department, if too many Ealavas are taken, the work may be obstructed, as they could not enter all places freely, such as temples, Brahmin houses and the like. They were therefore being employed in the Reserve.

Member.—17 Ealavas in a Department consisting of 1766 appointments was a very low percentage.

Mr. Kumaran Asan then said that the danger was being over-estimated. In British Malabar, where pollution was more rigidly observed, Tiyyas were largely employed in the Police Department.

Dewan.—Pollution is much less rigid in Malabar than here. Anyhow, the difficulty in more largely admitting the Ealavas into the Police has been due to the circumstance I have mentioned.

Mr. K. M. Krishnan (Member, Nominated) supported the views of the previous speakers and said that it was within his knowledge that applications made by qualified Ealavas for vacant places in the Trivandrum College, the Public Works Department and the Huzur Office were not considered. He requested that it should be enforced that the claims of duly qualified men were not brushed aside in the way now being done; but preferential consideration should be shown to the Ealavas of equal qualifications, owing to their being backward in point of education.

Dewan's reply.—The whole question will be looked into and all that is possible will be done.

144. The need for the free entertainment of Mahomedans in the State service.

Mr. Shaik Mahomed Hamidani Thangal (Member, Nominated) said that the subject was one which had been represented at the previous sessions by various Mahomedan Members. He prayed that the Mahomedans, who were able to read and write and understand matters, should be appointed in the subordinate ranks in the important departments of the State such as the Judicial, Excise, Forest, Police, Public Works and Registration Departments, without insisting on the minimum qualifications prescribed for the general service, and hoped that it would act as an incentive to the better education of Mahomedan boys.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

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